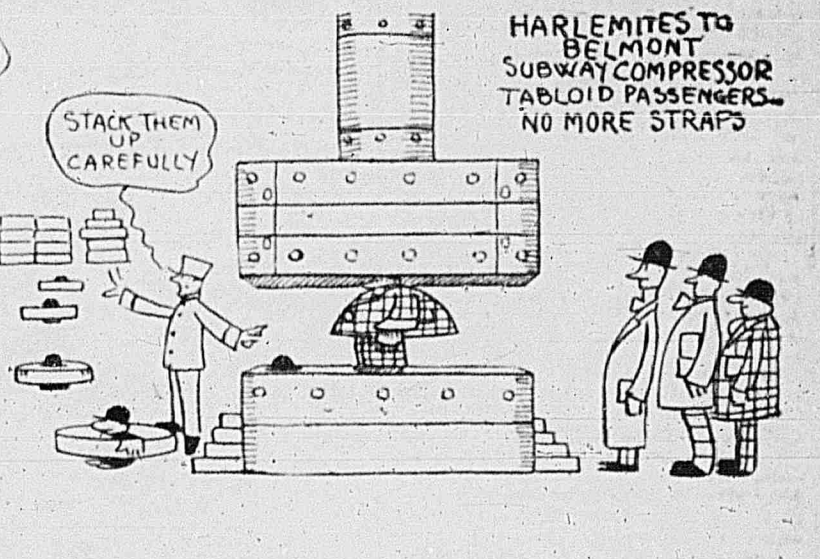
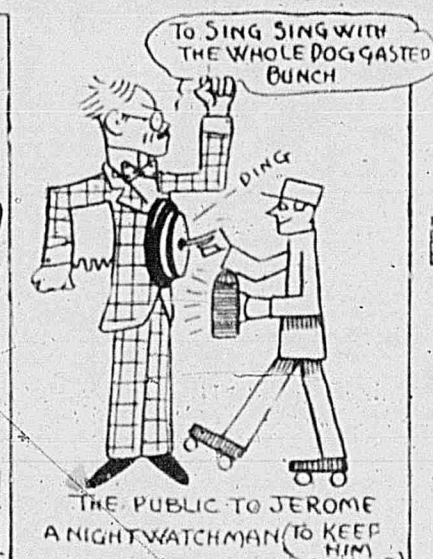
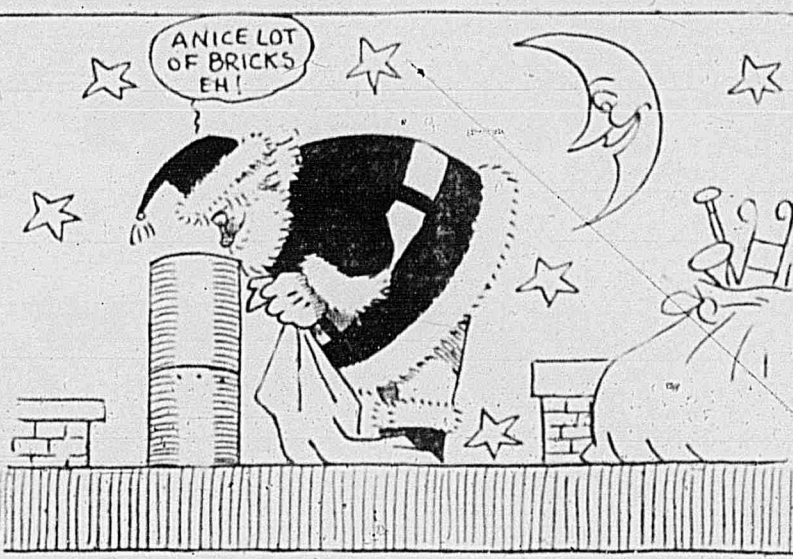


Here Are a Few Appropriate Christmas Presents, with the Compliments of the Season, to Well-Known New Yorkers, Father Knick, as Usual, Getting the Worst of It



MRS. HARRY THAW MAY BE BARRED AS HIS WITNESS

District Attorney Prepares to Prevent Effort to Show Justification.

LIKE THE BARKER CASE.

New Jersey Court Ruled Out Attempted Plea of "Unwritten Law."

Representatives of the District Attorney of this county have examined the records of the Barker-Kellner trial in the Public Prosecutor's office in Jersey City with a view toward using that case in the prosecution of Harry Thaw.

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SAW HIS BOY DRAGGED TO DEATH BY AN "L" TRAIN

Willie Koehler's Foot Is Caught by Contact Shoe and Is Rolled 100 Feet.

WILLIAM F. KOEHLER, a fourteen-year-old boy who lived at No. 127 Thirtieth street, Brooklyn, was killed this morning by a Bath Beach elevated train.

The boy was dragged 100 feet before the train came to a stop. When it reached him he was dead. The lad was employed as an errand boy.

The boy's father, W. H. Koehler, a jeweler at Tiffany's, wanted to catch the 8:05 train, and was a little late. He saw the boy's foot caught in the contact shoe.

The father shouted the crowd could not hear, and the train kept on. It was not until the boy was released it was found to be a case of brasserie and confusion.

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WOMEN CLERKS OF LOOTED BANK TO BE ARRESTED

Seven Await Charges of Forgery in Keeping False Books.

DUPE OF DEFAULTER.

Cashier Rinehart, of Waynesburg Institution, Was Trusted Implicitly.

WAYNEBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—On the verge of collapse from fear and excitement, seven women clerks of the defunct Farmers and Drivers' National Bank of this city, are to-day awaiting accusation by the Department of Justice for alleged forgery and for making false entries and the bank's books. They are all members of good families. They were selected for their places by J. B. Rinehart, the former cashier, chiefly because of their influence in church and social circles.

It is not charged that they are guilty of original intent, but of constructive forgery, for they are said to be only dupes of the cashier, whose gigantic schemes are alleged to have wrecked one of the most prosperous financial institutions in Pennsylvania.

Eight sets of books were kept for the bank and only one of them is correct; it is alleged. None except Rinehart knew the actual state of affairs which existed. Every month he would personally compare and balance the ledgers, and no one saw any real light. Secret passages to the bank, political wire-pulling, with votes at \$200 each, great donations to churches, and oil and coal deals of mammoth proportions figure extensively in the story of this bank's downfall, which will be told in the courts.

All Trusted Cashier.

The women clerks knew nothing of banking laws or practices and had implicit confidence in Rinehart. He would instruct one of them to make out a check to the amount of some prominent citizen of Waynesburg an amount usually about \$100.00. A day or two later he would go to the same clerk, according to report, and handing her a blank note, tell her to fill it out for \$100.00 and sign it as the cashier's name, explaining that the bank had a similar note which was about to mature and which the signer wished renewed.

Using his position as Vice-President of the Farmers and Drivers' National Bank in the strong Colonial Trust Company of Pittsburgh, Rinehart would then have the note re-deposited. It is said, through some bank in another city, realizing between \$500 and \$100,000, and would instruct the woman clerk to make entries showing the \$100,000 had been withdrawn by the Waynesburg man and the account closed.

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SANTA CLAUS'S HEAVY MAIL WILL BE ON TIME

City Post-Office Handles 409,600,000 Pieces in Four Days, and Catches Up with Work on Tons of Christmas Gifts.

ST. NICK TO PA. KNICK

Record of the General Post-Office for Thursday, December 24, 1906.

Incoming.	Pieces.
42,000 pouches of letters.....	1,000,000,000
50,000 sacks of packages.....	13,500,000
Outgoing.	
45,000 pouches of letters.....	112,000,000
170,000 sacks of packages.....	25,500,000
Total.....	256,000,000

All the Christmas mail posted here last week is off, and all the mail received is in shape to be delivered to-day. There remains only one day of shopping and sending. The Post-Office to-day expressed its confidence that the public would not be disappointed by any delays.

At the beginning of the Christmas giving season Postmaster Wilcox issued a bulletin which was displayed in all the stations and sub-stations of New York, urging the public generally to mail their Christmas packages as early as possible in order to facilitate the handling of them. This request, according to Francis B. Rinehart, Superintendent of Mails of the New York Post-Office, had a good effect.

It was also fortunate that Christmas Day comes this year so close after Sunday. Ordinarily it is an off day in the Post-Office, but yesterday it was not. The entire force had to go without a day off. Night and day for the best part of a week a force of from 300 to 500 men—the number varying according to the time of day—has been on the jump to keep abreast with the work of Santa Claus's commerce.

Caught Up with Task.

The climax came on Saturday night. Then every part of the Post-Office department of the books and papers and with them as he pleased, his business ability and banking knowledge making him a valuable asset to the bank. The seven women remained loyal to him and never hesitated to do his bidding.

An old resident of Waynesburg to-day told of the rise of Rinehart from country school teacher to the leading citizen worth \$2,000,000. Rinehart gave his school twelve years ago and became a successful banker in the bank. The cashier went wrong for \$50,000, as had his predecessor.

Rinehart became cashier and a prominent man. He was pointed out as the example for young men. He took interest in many kinds of business ventures and to-day his name appears on half the signs over the stores along the main street.

Rinehart sought power. He entered politics and on election days the directors' room of the bank would become a buffet, where doubtful voters were shown the light, while the funds of the bank, it is alleged, would pour in gold streams into Green County for election purposes.

TWO WIDOWS OWN MARRIAGE WITH A WOMAN

Sex of De Raylan and Her Secrets.

Two Chicago Wives Knew

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CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The three days wonder growing out of the discovery that Nicolai De Raylan, for years a clerk to Baron Schlippenbach, Russian Consul in Chicago, was a woman, a discovery made after her death in Phoenix, Ariz., has been solved by the admission of the two women with whom she lived as "husbands."

The motive for De Raylan's masquerade, which had been kept up for fifteen years, is mixed. Part of it dates back to her early affair with a girl in Southern Russia, and more is found in her connection with revolutionary "bonds" in this country and Russia.

Mrs. Eugene Bruchalla, De Raylan's first "wife," and Mrs. Anne De Raylan, both unbothered themselves in explaining the "mystery." The woman was of the common classes. The eleven-year-old boy who has been reported as being fathered by the De Raylan woman is her own child. The boy is the son of Joseph Armastrong, her former husband, and the register of the birth is in the City Hall. Armastrong appeared and claimed the fatherhood. The reported kidnapping of the boy is fiction.

Posed As Man When a Girl.

The idea of posing as a man grew gradually with her parents over a revolutionary secret drove her from her home in Ellzavograd when eighteen years old. She went to the town of Kamenetz, and there, as a man, won the love of a young girl, Jenya Vasiliuk.

Throughout all her life in America as a man the romance clung to her. A diary which Mrs. Bruchalla reveals tells all how the De Raylan girl lost the love of "Jenya," referred to as "my angel girl," through an affair with a girl of the Neva quarter of St. Petersburg.

During her double life in New York and Chicago and the City of Mexico letters constantly went back to Russia to the "angel girl," who wrote pitiful letters, begging to be brought to the country, saying that she would be good, tried to induce her friend, Francis Bruchalla, to marry her old "sweetheart."

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FOUGHT GALES FOR FOUR WEEKS ACROSS ATLANTIC

Steamer Birkhall Battered by Heavy Billows on Slow Voyage.

FOUNDED BY MIGHTY BILLOWS AND LASHED BY HURRICANE, the British tramp steamer Birkhall, Capt. Jones, arrived in port yesterday. Above her water line were many signs of her fight with the wind and waves of the North Atlantic.

The Birkhall sailed from Hamburg Nov. 13, and three days later put in at Shields for coal. After leaving that port she ran into heavy weather and was compelled to heave to. During her fight to keep her head to the wind and sea part of her machinery broke down, and when the storm abated enough she put about and steamed for Stornoway to repair damages. A few days later she again resumed her voyage to New York.

Six hours after clearing the north coast of Scotland the Birkhall ran into a gale from the north-northeast, which kicked up a big sea. Then the wind suddenly veered to the south-southeast and blew with renewed force. This cut up a furious cross sea, and the vessel's head was tossed about as if by a giant hand.

The velocity of the wind increased all night and few of the crew ever saw a wider sea than that which was raging when dawn broke the next morning. The waves were washed over the ship, ripping up deck timbers like straws, and into the coal bunkers, which were flooded. That night a hurricane burst on the vessel, and the waves that rose seemed like mountains. As the vessel was tossed about, no man could walk the deck, and those of the crew who were on watch were lashed to their posts.

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WON'T HOLD AN INQUEST UPON FIRE VICTIMS.

Coroner Doesn't Believe Burglars Caused Blaze in Which the McWhitneys Perished.

Coroner Decker, of Butler, Pa., discredits the theory that burglars caused the fire in which Mrs. Louis McWhitney and her two children perished at Pumpkin Lakes, and says that he will not hold an inquest unless developments require it.

The funeral of the three victims will be held on Wednesday from the residence of Mrs. A. Zarkusky, Ivesden, an aunt of Mrs. McWhitney. The remains of the mother and her two children will be buried in the Reformed Church Cemetery.

Mrs. McWhitney had planned to have a Christmas celebration with her family. Much sympathy is felt for her among her neighbors.

ECZEMA ON FACE AND HANDS

Troubled from Childhood With Skin Eruptions—In Winter, Hands Would Crack Open and Swell Twice Their Size—Skin Now in Splendid Condition.

CURED BY THE CUTICURA REMEDIES

"From childhood I had always been troubled with skin eruptions, more or less, and in winter my hands would crack open over the backs. You could lay a straw in any of them, but since using the Cuticura Remedies for the eczema about five years ago I have not been troubled in any way. At that time, I think, I got the eczema from handling imported hides at the Custom House stores. I doctored for it for over a month without relief. It was on my hands and face, and my hands were swollen twice their size. After using time, I was told of a woman whose finger nails had fallen off and was cured by the Cuticura Remedies, so I tried them and I was cured, and my skin is in splendid condition now and does not crack in cold weather. I gladly give you permission to publish any part of my letter relating to the cure and use of the Cuticura Remedies. Henry O'Neill, 4040 Girard Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., July 2, 1905."

CUTICURA—THE SET, \$1

Complete Treatment for Every Humour from Pimples to Eczema

Bathe the affected parts with hot water and Cuticura Soap, to cleanse the surface of crusts and scales and soften the thickened cuticle; dry, without hard rubbing, and apply Cuticura Ointment freely, to allay itching, irritation, and inflammation, and soothe and heal; and, lastly, take Cuticura Resolvent Pills to cool and cleanse the blood. A single set, costing but one dollar, is often sufficient to cure the most torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, and scaly skin, scalp, and blood humors, with loss of hair, from infancy to age, when all else fails.

Peter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston, Mass. "Mailed Free." How to Cure Torturing Humors.

To-Night's The Night!

Here's a good way to defray all Xmas expenses:

After all the stockings are filled hand to your wife and the deed to a World Want Real Estate "bargain."

"T'WILL DOUBLE YOUR MONEY!"

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RIDE.

This Year's Event at Durland's to Surpass All Others.

The nineteenth annual Christmas ride of the Durland Company will be held at the Academy, in West Sixty-sixth street, Wednesday evening. This year's event will differ from any of the previous affairs, and will surpass all other rides given by Mr. Durland.

One of the features of the exhibition will be the promise of the fair sex, who will participate in all of the events. Many new equestrian stunts will be introduced.

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